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SUBJ: JALLUD PRESS CONFERENCE

1. DEPT WILL HAVE FBIS REPORT OF PRIMIN JALLUD'S PRESS CONFERENCE JANUARY 23. CONFERENCE WAS SCHEDULED AT LAST MINUTE, AND AS RESULT ONLY FEW FOREIGN JOURNALISTS PRESENT. NY TIMES GINIGER HAD LEFT TOWN JAN. 22 IN FRUS*RATION OVER REFUSAL OF ANY RANKING LIBYAN OFFICIAL TO SEE HIM. PRESS CONFERENCE WAS CLEARLY STAGED AFFAIR, WITH MOST QUESTIONS PLANTED IN ADVANCE.

2. JALLUD, IN MOOD WE WOULD CHARACTERIZE AS ALTERNATIVELY

BELLIGERENT AND DEFENSIVE, TOOK USUAL DIEHARD LIBYAN LINE THOUGH-OUT. CALL ATTENTION OF DEP AND ADDRESSEES TO FOLLOWING PASSAGES:

-OIL EMBARGO AGAINST U.S. SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE LIFTED, JALLUD SAID, AS REASONS FOR ITS IMPOSITION WERE AS VALID AS EVER.
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LIBYA HAD CALLED FOR INVESTIGATION OF OIL LEAKS TO U.S. AT

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RECENT MEETING OF ARAB OIL MINISTERS.

-IF CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON OF ENERGY CONSUMERS FEB. 11 DISCUSSED LIBYA, LIBYA WOULD CONSIDER THIS "INTERFERENCE IN ITS DOMESTIC AFFAIRS".

-"THERE WAS A PROPOSAL" FOR JALLUD TO MAKE TRIP TO ITALY AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. JALLUD SAID "I EXPECT ITALY TO PUT ITS TECHNOLOGY AT MY DISPOSAL WITHOUT EXCEPTION" (USING FIRST PERSON). THREAT TO CUT OIL SUPPLIES TO ITALY IF THIS NOT DONE WAS CLEARLY IMPLIED.

-LIBYA OPPOSED HIJACKING AND SUPPORTED ONLY PALESTINIAN ACTIONS WITHIN OCCUPIED TERRITORY, AS HIJACKING LED TO SLAUGHTER OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN. IN DISCUSSING TERRORISM IN ANSWER TO QUESTION FROM AN ITALIAN JOURNALIST JALLUD SEEMED ESPECIALLY ON DEFENSIVE, ONCE TUGGING AT HIS COLLAR IN CLASSIC GESTURE OF MAN ON A SPOT.
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